

CommUnity

Connecting us with our neighbours in **Coventry, Warwickshire** and **the region**

DID YOU KNOW THIS NEWSLETTER HAS MOVED ONLINE?

Since our regular CommUnity newsletter delivery was disrupted by Covid-19, we have decided to go digital, providing you with more frequent information about upcoming opportunities and events. We may still send the occasional edition through your letterbox, but if you would like regular updates from the University of Warwick, you can sign up online by visiting warwick.ac.uk/communitynews or scanning the QR code.



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WARWICK ARTS CENTRE IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER

We're back in action with lots of exciting events and top-class spaces for you to enjoy! The region's leading cultural centre promises you unforgettable arts and entertainment.

Our highly popular arts venue reopened for events in October after the largest transformation in its 48-year history. The result is an exciting, accessible and expanded space with a fresh modern look. The new centre has a spacious and more welcoming foyer, three new cinemas (complete with high-end digital projection and sound), a repositioned Mead Gallery, and a huge new glass front that creates an engaging and welcoming space for visitors. The final phase of the four-year redevelopment project was completed with a new restaurant. We've improved the facilities by fitting new accessible toilets, a gender-neutral toilet, and the installation of an evacuation lift. With a focus on sustainability, the building has LED lighting, improved heat recovery and a connection to the district heat network - all helping reduce carbon emissions.

You'll be able to experience the works of contemporary international, national, regional and local artists through a diverse programme of over 2,500 individual events and performances each year. The new and improved Warwick Arts Centre received funding and support from Arts Council England, Coventry and Warwick Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP), Garfield Weston Foundation, 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust and HS2 CEF.

This summer and beyond there is something for everyone. Enjoy inspiring collaborations, unbeatable performances from top comedians, including Rob Brydon and Jason Manford, the latest Hollywood blockbusters, art house films and revived classic movies. For families, there is plenty on offer too! Enjoy family tales, such as the new stage adaptation of Chris Haughton's *Oh No, George!* or Wriggle Dance Theatre's *Squidge*, plus new family films every week!

Come and have a look around or see the full events programme by visiting warwickartscentre.co.uk/whats-on

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RESONATE 2022 - FESTIVAL!

Tue 19 April - Thu 21 April 2022

OPEN TO ALL | FREE ENTRY

Be sure not to miss Resonate Festival's three-day grand finale taking place this spring on our very own campus.

This will bring to a close the inspiring programme of interactive events for people of all ages across Coventry and Warwickshire this year. With nearly 90 events to date, and plenty lined up for the coming months, the Resonate Festival is celebrating the power of creativity, conversation and connection in the region.

Resonate's three-day extravaganza will showcase the best of Warwick research from staff and students based in each of the University's faculties, alongside a whole host of regional and national partners, collaborators, performers, artists, community groups, and special guests. From Shakespeare to science, sonic stories to a Stitch in Time, Astronauts to the Gastronomer, there will be over 50 FREE events with special guests, performances, talks, films, comedy, drop-in activities, games and experiences - there will be something for all ages to enjoy.

Keep your eyes peeled for more exciting announcements by visiting resonatefestival.co.uk

If you're interested in similar events and want to know more, you can contact us on community@warwick.ac.uk

WHAT'S ON AT RESONATE?

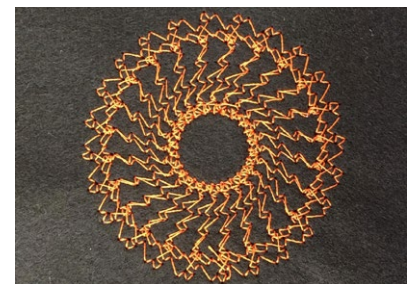


Invisible Worlds: Humans and the Supernatural in Enlightenment Britain

Tuesday 19 April 2022

Warwick Arts Centre | Helen Martin Studio

Come along to a puppetry show exploring the historical beliefs about the supernatural as the performers tell stories of other-worldly encounters. All ages welcome.



Stitch in Time

Wednesday 20 April 2022

University of Warwick | Oculus building

Are you interested in learning about programming and control for embroidery? Drop by and create your very own digitally designed textile and see the exhibit inspired by Coventry's textile heritage. Open to all.

OUR SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS

We won the Bronze Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award

We know the importance of the environment for people and the planet, which is why we're pursuing net gain for ecology and biodiversity on our campus. It's all part of our new sustainable strategy, the Way to Sustainable.

We're pleased to announce that we've won the Bronze Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award for our efforts.



We've been building hedgehog houses and bug hotels, picking up litter, plus raising awareness to remind the Grounds Team to check for hedgehogs before any work takes place.

Learn more by visiting warwick.ac.uk/waytosustainable



Living Free: Utopian Worlds

Thursday 21 April 2022

University of Warwick | Oculus building

What does freedom look like to different people, cultures or societies? Hear a fascinating talk from Dr Kirsten Harris that explores feelings of freedom and utopia.

STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Warwick students join the team at Heart of England Mencap

Working with and supporting our local community is very important to us at the University of Warwick.

We encourage and help our students to play an active role in the local area. Some of our students have been recognised for their work at Heart of England Mencap.

Congratulations to Politics and Sociology student, Katie Barber, who completed an internship at the local charity last year and has now been appointed to its Board of Trustees.

Katie spent seven weeks with Heart of England Mencap as a Customer Engagement and Inclusion Coordinator, evaluating some of the biggest barriers the people they support face and planning ways for them to better engage and include its customers so that their voice is heard.



Warwick Politics and Economics graduate, Catriona Heyworth has also been recognised for her successful internship, volunteering with the charity for seven weeks to focus on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Student donations raise £47k for British Heart Foundation in 2021

We're playing our part in tackling the climate emergency.

We have a target to double the volume of donations of unwanted clothes and items from campus by 2025 as part of our effort to reach Net Zero carbon emissions (direct and indirect) by 2050.

This has seen the University involved in the 'Pack for Good' campaign, which encourages students to leave unwanted items in clothes banks when they are packing to go home, for almost 10 years. This year saw the students' unwanted items raise £46,928 for the British Heart Foundation, contributing towards a grand total of £738,934 for the charity since 2013. As well as helping tackling the climate crisis by reusing unwanted goods and clothes, the money will help fund research into heart disease, strokes, vascular dementia and diabetes. At the end of the summer term, students had given 3,352 bags, weighing 26.8 tonnes in total, which will save 272,906kg of CO2 emissions.



OVER A THOUSAND TREES PLANTED FOR THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Over the last few months, we've planted a significant number of trees and hedgerow plants on campus to create more habitats for wildlife in the local community.

This includes more than 1,000 trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, a national project to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As part of the scheme, our Estates Team used fully compostable guards made from recycled materials, so they will naturally biodegrade as the trees and hedgerows become established.

Come and take a walk around the campus - and when you do, we'd love to see your photos!



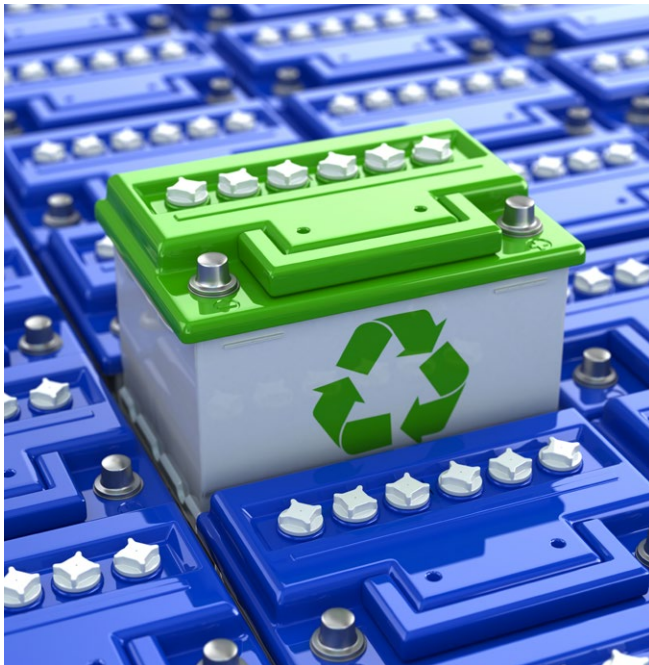
HOW WMG AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK IS CLOSING THE LOOP ON BATTERY MANUFACTURING

One of the major impacts of the electrification of cars is the increased demand for lithium-ion (LI) batteries. But one of the major impacts of increased demand for LI batteries is increased waste - posing quite a challenge!

A team of polymer scientists at WMG, University of Warwick, are working on a way of making batteries more recyclable, with the aim of closing the loop on battery manufacture. As electric car usage increases, so too will the pressure to find better ways of recycling and reusing LI batteries.

Dr Jean Marshall, a polymer chemist and research fellow working at WMG, University of Warwick explained:

“Motor vehicles are full of components made of recyclable materials but then coated with something non-recyclable. Most recyclable things can be melted and this is how we reclaim and reuse the materials. But in automotive components or batteries, of course, things need to withstand high temperatures and cannot be allowed to melt - that is why we coat them in something to make them hard and heat resistant. However it means when the component fails the whole thing becomes waste - and this is not sustainable. Our challenge now is to find novel materials which are durable and also recyclable.”



WMG SKILLS CENTRE LAUNCHED TO BRIDGE THE TECHNICAL SKILLS GAP IN THE UK

WMG at the University of Warwick has worked tirelessly over the last 40 years to bridge the gap between research and industry, preparing our students from our academies, degree apprenticeships and post-graduate courses to be equipped with the skills to improve Britain's workforce.

Growing pressure on businesses to be flexible, resilient, more efficient and to meet sustainability goals there is an unprecedented need for new skills in the workforce. We've launched the WMG Skills Centre to help provide the opportunity for our industry partners and businesses to respond to these challenges through a range of innovative short courses which will equip workforces with the latest technical skills. The new WMG Skills centre can help businesses re-skill their workforce by offering access to the knowledge they need to help our region and country create the digital and sustainable economy of the future.

The WMG Skills Centre has launched courses on Digital Manufacturing, Energy Systems, Intelligent Vehicles and Manufacturing. Over the course of 2022 more courses will be added to support the ever-changing skills needs of business and industry.

Discover how the WMG Skills Centre could help your business and view the courses available at warwick.ac.uk/wmgskillscentre

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